

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Scott MONTGOMERY et al.      CONFIRMATION NO. : 2692  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/990,341      EXAMINER : Joshua A. Murdough  
FILING DATE : November 20, 2001      ART UNIT : 3621  
FOR : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING POSTAGE FRAUD USING AN INDEXED LOOKUP  
PROCEDURE

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

**Mail Stop Issue Fee**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

A statement of reasons for allowance was attached to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 24, 2010, for the above-identified application. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed all of the claims in the present application, but note that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance includes a typographical error incorrectly indicating that "Claims 85, 87, 90, 93, 97-102, 104, 124, 126, 128, 131, 138-140, and 144-151 are allowed." In particular, the Examiner has omitted pending claims 143 and 152, and Applicants therefore submit that the allowed claims are claims 85, 87, 90, 93, 97-102, 104, 124, 126, 128, 131, 138-140, and 143-152.

Additionally, in response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of the allowed claims is patentable for the respective claim features recited therein as a whole, without any particular criticality or distinguishing feature being attributable to any one or more of such features, and without any narrowing interpretation being imposed on any of such features. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that no one element or feature in particular should be deemed to impart to or be required for the patentability of the claims, and Applicants further submit that the dependent

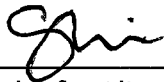
claims are allowable at least due to their dependence on the allowed independent claims and further for the additional subject matter recited therein.

These comments in response to the Examiner's reasons for indicating allowable subject matter, which are being filed concurrently with payment of the Issue Fee, are timely submitted. The Director is authorized to charge any fees required for the submission of this paper to our Deposit Account Number 033975 (Ref. No. 080839-0380627).

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